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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Frank J. McNamara, Director
House Un-American Activities Committee
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McNamara:

I'm taking the liberty of writing you to ask whether the Committee can give me some help with a book that I am writing for the Macmillan Company.

The book deals with the history of codes and ciphers, and one of the chapters deals with the National Security Agency. The Committee has, as you know, led in the legislative investigation of this vitally important agency and has sponsored legislation to correct some of the more glaring abuses.

In view of this, I am wondering whether it would be possible for the Committee to make available to me the transcripts of its hearings, held in executive sessions, that resulted in the Committee's 1962 Report on "Security Practices in the National Security Agency," and its hearings on H.R. 12082, 87th Congress, and its successor bill, H.R. 950 in the present Congress. If the Committee wishes, I would, of course, submit my notes to it for approval.

For your information, I am a former newspaperman now working exclusively on this book. I am an amateur cryptologist and an article of mine on cryptology appeared in The New York Times Magazine of November 13, 1960. In addition, the CIA picked up a technical study of mine in Two Soviet Spy Ciphers and reprinted a part in its Intelligence Articles. I'll be happy to send you a copy if you wish.

For any help that you may be able to give me in this matter, I shall be most grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMO

May 15, 1964

Dear

I thought the enclosed item might be of
interest to you.

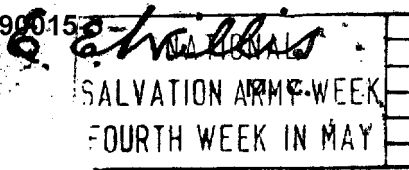

Francis J. McNamara
Director

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